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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO AMEMBASSY MASERU

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AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: FRG ATTENDANCE AT LESOTHO AID DONORS
CONFERENCE

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EMBOFF SPOKE WITH VON PFETTEN-ARNBACH FROM FOREIGN
OFFICE REGARDING POSSIBLE FRG ATTENDANCE. HE INDICATED
THAT THE FRG WAS SINCERELY INTERESTED IN LESOTHO'S
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
DONOR CONFERENCE. DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS,
HOWEVER, HE WAS DOUBTFUL THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. WITH COUNT
YORK'S DEPARTURE FROM BLANTYRE, A TWO-MAN POST, IT
WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SEND THE REMAINING OFFICER TO
MASERU FOR EVEN A DAY OR TWO. IT WAS ALSO NOT POSSIBLE
TO SEND SOMEONE FROM BONN SINCE DR. KIRCHHOF, DIRECTOR
OF EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN AID MINISTRY, WAS IN MASERU
ONLY TWOWEEKS AGO. VON PFETTEN-ARNBACH WILL CONTACT
THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN BLANTYRE TODAY TO SEE IF IT IS
POSSIBLE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE, BUT HE IS NOT
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS.

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